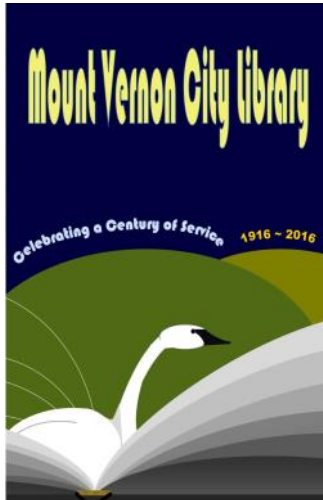


Mount Vernon City Library



Celebrating a Century of Service

by Summer Daour



"The love of libraries, like most loves, must be learned." Alberto Manguel

The town of Mount Vernon learned to love their library more than one hundred years ago. In 1908, a women's Civic Improvement Club decided that the small yet burgeoning town of Mount Vernon needed a library, and with that they created a small library in the basement of the Episcopal Parish House. Eight years later, in 1916, having recognized the need for funds to support the growing library, the City Council voted to purchase the library for the price of a symbolic dollar and the Mount Vernon City Library was born. This year we are celebrating the centennial anniversary of that important decision and the foresight of our ancestors across the country who founded our public libraries. This year, we are celebrating our past

and we are looking towards our future. As a community, let's take this opportunity to reimagine our legacy for the next one hundred years. (Stay tuned for Celebrating a Century of Service events over the course of 2016!)

2016 Summer Reading Program

by Beth Bermani

On Your Mark, Get Set...READ! Exercise your mind and body this summer for Summer Reading 2016 with FREE books, prizes, and programs for kids 2-12! Beginning June 13, stop by the library to sign-up and pick up your summer reading bag. Join in the fun of attending programs, looking for the Summer Reading Mascot downtown, and earning prizes for reading. We'll kick-off Summer Reading with a FREE performance of Shakespeare in Wonderland, 1pm on June 18 @ the Lincoln Theater.

Other Fantastic, FREE programs coming your way include:

- Ian Dobson: Olympic Beat Steel Drum Show
- Alex Zerbe, Zaniac
- Kids' Zumba
- & more!



**ON YOUR MARK,
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Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by David Johnson, Friends Vice-President



"When I have a little money, I buy books, and if I have any left, I buy food and clothes." - Desiderius Erasmus

With spring in this area comes the tulips, tourists, and one of the two Used Book Sales the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library offer each year. This one is timed to coincide with the Downtown Mount Vernon Tulip Festival Street Fair and will be held in Mount Vernon's Fire Station #1 just behind the Library over two days, April 15 and 16. Come before or after visiting the Street Fair and load up on books, DVDs, and more at great prices AND support the Friends. Come by Friday, April 15 from 3pm – 6pm and/or Saturday, April 16, from 10am – 4pm.

Gently used books can be donated to the Friends at any time. Just drop them off at the Library. You can even get a receipt for next year's tax filing.

We're also looking for volunteers to help! Please drop an email to Jenny, our Volunteer Coordinator (email: frndmvlib@gmail.com) if you can help us set-up, during the sale, or at load-out.

Follow the advice of one of the Renaissance's greatest scholar, Erasmus, and buy your books now...food and clothing can wait! J

Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Marija Anderson, Foundation President

On January 11, 2016 the MVLF had its annual board meeting at the PUD building. Mayor Jill Boudreau was present at this meeting and she reported that the Mount Vernon School District and the MVLF were working on a joint venture to possibly co-locate a new library and School Administration Building. The Mayor said that the Bond issue and vote to raise money for improvements the School District takes precedence, but that a decision on the Library could be expected in 2016. The Strategic Plan proposed by the Library will be published on the City's webpage.

Our special speaker for our annual meeting was Greg Davidson, President & CEO of Skagit Valley Hospital. Greg discussed the rapid expansion of our hospital, and the different local medical agencies that make up the Hospital, such as Skagit Regional Health Center, Cancer Center, and the Kidney Center.

At our February 8, 2016 meeting we discussed the 100th Anniversary of Library Service in Mount Vernon, had a discussion of ways to make this a theme for the year and to help create a calendar of various events that will take place to help to celebrate this event.

Please keep your eye on the Mount Vernon City's webpage for upcoming events. The MVLF is working hard to get a new library built for our growing community.

Foundation Board members; Marija is in the front row, far right

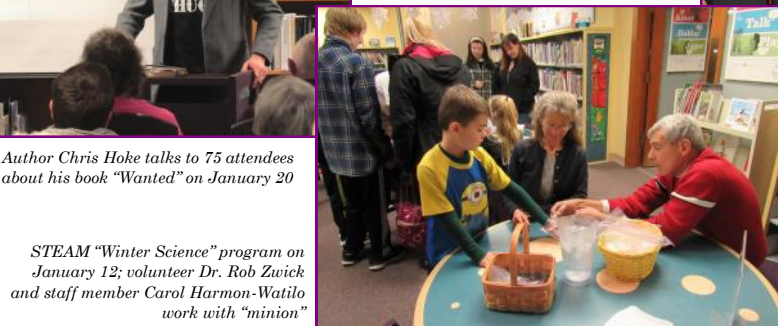
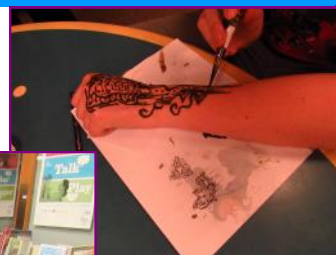


Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...



Author Chris Hoke talks to 75 attendees about his book "Wanted" on January 20

Work in progress at the Henna Hand Art program for teens on February 24



STEAM "Winter Science" program on January 12; volunteer Dr. Rob Zwick and staff member Carol Harmon-Watilo work with "minion"

Acclaimed Seattle poet, Jourdan Keith, captivated the audience at her reading on March 7



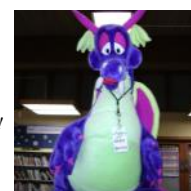
2016 April-June Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and at Mount Vernon City Library unless otherwise noted; no sign up is required)

Apr 1-30	Teen and Children's Poetry Contests (one winning poem for each contest will be posted on the Library website and Facebook page).
Apr 1-Jun 25	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Fridays and Saturdays, 2-6 years and caregiver.
Apr 2-Jun 29	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-7:30 pm, Wednesdays [except Nov 11]; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.
Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4	Tales for Tails, 1-2 pm, recommended for ages 6-12.
Apr 4, May 16, Jun 13	Dig into Spring Mondays (WSU Master Gardeners presentations), 6 pm, adults.
Apr 6-Jun 30	Drop-in Student Computer Lab, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-7:30 pm.
Apr 11	Local Author Abbe Rolnick, <i>Cocoon of Cancer: An Invitation to Love Deeply</i> , 6:30 pm, adults.
Apr 12-May 31	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.
Apr 13-Jun 1	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years.
Apr 14-Jun 2	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.
Apr 14-Jun 2	Travels with Skoob, 4:15 pm, Thursdays, ages 6-8.
Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9	Book Discussion Group, 12:30-1:30 pm, adults.
Apr 15-16	Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale, 3-6 pm Friday, 10 am-4 pm Saturday, Fire Station #1.
Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meetings, 6 pm, new members welcome!
Apr 29-30	Dia de los Ninos, Dia de los Libros drop-in crafts, 12-4 pm, all ages.
Apr 30	Poetry Contests deadline to submit, grades 3-6 and Teen contests.
May 2	Local Traveler's Report, Carol Sullivan on traveling and volunteering in India, 6:30 pm, adults.
May 3-Jun 29	Telling Our Stories, Tuesdays between 11 am and 7pm, sit down with a librarian to have your story added to our collection.
May 23	Rain Barrels (with Kevin Tate), 6 pm, adults.
Jun 11	Read the Book See the Movie, <i>The Princess Bride</i> showing @ Lincoln Theatre, all ages, followed by a BBQ/Ice Cream Social in Pine Square (all sponsored/funded by an Elks Beacon Grant)
Jun 18	<i>Shakespeare's Wonderland</i> (with Shakespeare Northwest), 1 PM @ Lincoln Theatre, all ages.
Jun 29	Jumbo Jenga for Teens and Tweens (play giant-size Jenga and win prizes), 3 pm, ages 10-18.

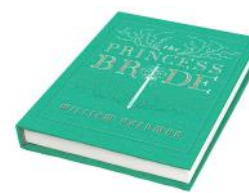


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And the adult Summer Reading Program is ...

EXERCISE
your mind.
READ!



2016 Young Adult Summer Reading Program, by Alberta Hendrickson



This year's Teen Summer Reading theme is "Get In the Game: READ!" and the Mount Vernon City Library's Youth Department has some great programs planned for teens in grades 6-12. Programs will include Jumbo Jenga and the annual Teen Writing Contest! Summer Reading participants will also have the chance to earn prizes such as gift cards, art supplies, and more.

Check the Teen Summer Reading page in May for program listings and announcements.



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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor, Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Bill Craig (Chair), Hal Verrell, Margaret Redfern and Frank Repplier.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core values including, but not limited to:

Excellent customer service

Relevancy

Patience, understanding and caring

Tolerance

Community leadership

Sensitivity

Helpfulness

Welcoming spirit

Contributor to the community's quality of life

2016 Library Hours

Monday 10 AM-8 PM

Tuesday 10 AM-8 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-8 PM

Thursday 10 AM-8 PM

Friday 10 AM-5 PM

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1 New Year's Day

January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 15 Presidents' Day

May 30 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

September 5 Labor Day

November 11 Veterans' Day

November 24-25 Thanksgiving

December 25 Christmas

